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We wish all our readers a Merry  
Christmas, and we suggest to those who  
are able, that it is just the day to give  
some poor family a good dinner,  
make the recipients happy and set up  
a finer tingle of joy in the heart of the  
giver.

### IF I COULD WRITE

If I could write as authors write,  
I'd tell about an angel band  
That sang a hymn one winter's night,  
Of peace on earth, good will to man,  
And all about the shepherd's fear  
When first the choir began to sing  
"Be not afraid—be of good cheer,  
Glad tidings of great joy we bring."  
I'd tell about our dear Christ's birth  
And why the Savior came to be,  
And of his trials here on earth.  
From Bethlehem to Calvary—  
I'd never lay the pen aside  
"Till every boy and girl would know  
Just why we have a Christmas tide,  
And Santa Claus, with face as white  
Who comes each year with glad surprise,  
With bats and balls and fancy sleds,  
And baby dolls with blinking eyes,  
And frizzled bangs and curly heads—  
And many other childish toys,  
I'd like to tell about tonight.  
To fill each anxious heart with joy,  
If I could write as authors write.

J. M. SHAWHAN.

Marietta, Ohio, December 25th.

### CURFEW MUST NOT RING TONIGHT.

Prof. W. W. Boyd appeared before  
Council and asked their attention to a  
moral question of the city. On behalf  
of the W. C. T. U., he presented a peti-  
tion numerous signatures, asking the  
passage of a curfew ordinance.—News-  
paper item.

The lads and lassies were out at play  
At the close of a long hot summer day.  
The mothers watched with approving delight,  
Saying, "Curfew must not ring tonight."

"The day has been one of terrible heat,  
Bringing the children at play from the street,  
And, now, with the sweet, cooling starlight,  
Curfew must not ring tonight."

'Tis winter, a cold, bright, snappy day,  
In the midst of the joyful holiday.  
Streets are glossy, the moon most bright,  
And Curfew must not ring this night.

Schools are closed, children must play,  
And make the most of a short holiday.  
This the law, and the children's right,  
And Curfew must not ring this night.

In modern years, why should the state,  
The care of children from parents take?  
Does it not seem there is no call,  
That the Curfew should ring at all?

### Curfew Bell.

Curfew, which rings children under  
sixteen years of age home at eight  
in winter and nine o'clock in summer,  
is already in vogue in over two hundred  
towns and cities. That of Ipeka,  
Kansas, is representative. It provides  
that all children found on the streets  
or in public places unaccompanied by  
guardians, shall be arrested and fined  
not less than \$5 nor more than \$25.  
The fire bell rings every evening fifteen  
minutes before the time.

The sufficient argument for the gen-  
eral adoption at once of this ancient  
custom, if any were needed more than  
what every one sees of an evening, is  
the fact that a recent gathering of  
doctors from all parts of the land, on  
comparing notes, agreed that every-  
where impurity is increasing apace.  
It is the sheerest folly to imagine that  
a child habitually upon the streets at  
night witnessing sights its young life  
should never dream of, can develop  
into pure maturity and honorable citi-  
zenship.

Can you friends, fathers, recommend  
anything better to do, in a public way,  
at this crisis, than a signal from a bell  
at 8 or nine o'clock in the evening for  
children unaccompanied by chaperons  
to go to their homes for the night?

Will you unite with us in pleading  
with the authorities that curfew bells  
be rung each night? A MOTHER.

### Church Notes for Sunday.

Unitarian Church.—Morning music:  
"Sing With Joy"—Herbert. "Sing  
Oh Heavens"—Tours. Solo by Miss  
Muriel Palmer. "Oh Thou that Tellest".  
—Messiah. Subject of sermon: "The  
World's Christmas. Evening music:  
Christmas Anthem No. 2.—Cranmer.  
"When Bethlehem's Shepherds"—Her-  
bert. Solo by Miss Muriel Palmer.  
Subject of sermon: "Divinity of Christ".

Gilman Avenue M. E. Church.—  
"Birth of Christ and its Influence on  
Everyday Life". Evening: "The Blu-  
siveness of Life".

### Old People.

Old people who require medicine to  
regulate the bowels and kidneys will  
find the true remedy in Electric Bit-  
ters. This medicine does not stimulate  
and contains no whiskey or other in-  
toxicant, but acts as a tonic and altera-  
tive. It acts mildly on the stomach  
and bowels, adding strength and giv-  
ing tone to the organs, thereby aiding  
Nature in the performance of the func-  
tions. Electric Bitters is an excellent  
appetizer and aids digestion. Old peo-  
ple find it just exactly what they need.  
Price fifty cents and \$1.00 per bottle at  
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"Superior" brand, and you will enjoy  
the best!

### Waterford—Beverly.

Capt. O. J. Stowe is building a grain  
elevator near the upper steamboat  
landing. It is his intention of making  
this headquarters for the farmers of  
this vicinity. Minneapolis flour will  
be exchanged for wheat at its market  
price. The more men we have in town  
like Stowe the better.

The weather signal flags will be dis-  
played at Waterford the coming year  
by Cliff Worstell. The village is lucky  
to secure this valuable service.

Mrs. O. Tucker and daughter, Mary,  
arrived from New York today.

Miss Rowa Tucker was accidentally  
burned by gasoline Tuesday.

J. W. Stewart is assisting Stewart &  
Co. threshing their last crop for this  
season on the farm of W. R. Shaw,  
Round Bottom.

Frank Lane, who shot himself in the  
leg with a revolver a few days ago, is  
recovering very slowly. The surgeons  
fail to locate the bullet.

Prof. Joseph, of the High School, has  
gone to his home in Zanesville to spend  
the holidays.

Harry Flowers arrived home today  
from business college at Zanesville.  
He will return after New Year.

J. B. Breckinridge is moving into his  
new house at Palmer this week.

Miss Anna Schilling, of Churchtown,  
is attending Beverly High School this  
year.

In about two weeks there will be a  
poultry show at Waterford in the old  
Grange hall. An expert will be present  
and score the birds.

Fred Clark has located in Beverly  
and opened up a first class watch re-  
pair shop.

W. M. Buchanan, of Lowell, was up  
Tuesday looking after his farm near  
Waterford.

The Waterford M. E. church held  
their Christmas festivities Wednesday  
evening to a crowded house. The ex-  
ercises were excellent and old Santa  
Claus made his appearance as usual.

Miss Bessie Preston is at home from  
Barlow schools for the holidays.

C. Langenberg packed 180 hogs for  
his retail trade this winter.

C. E. Vaughn & Co. have finished  
their new ware house and have it  
filled with 600 wheat, some 8000 bush-  
els. The profit is easily figured up.

Four candidates are out for subscrib-  
ers in order that they may enjoy keep-  
ing post office at Waterford. The Beve-  
rly office is wanted by no less than  
twelve.

The oil well at C. C. Smiths is down  
1300 feet and still drilling. The Berea  
sand will be reached in a few days.

C. F. S.

WHEN bilious or costive, eat a Cascar-  
et, candy cathartic, cure guaranteed,  
10c, 25c.

### Reno.

Mrs. Eugene Henniger, of Whistler,  
Ohio, came Wednesday, and will spend  
a few weeks with her parents, Mr. and  
Mrs. Chas. Miller.

Mr. W. T. Harness has returned from  
a business trip to Columbus.

Mr. and Mrs. Wiley West very pleas-  
antly entertained the Pedro Club Wed-  
nesday evening.

Mr. Frank Mitchell, one of our last  
year's graduates, who is studying medi-  
cine in Cincinnati, will spend his vaca-  
tion at his home, Hills.

A number of our young folks will  
enjoy a leap year party at the home of  
W. T. Harness Saturday evening.

Miss Clara Devo, of Belpre, has re-  
turned to her home after a pleasant  
visit with friends here.

Our schools closed Thursday after-  
noon for a vacation of a week. The  
Senior Class will give an entertainment  
Monday evening.

Next Thursday a social will be held  
at Mr. Chas. Miller's for the benefit of  
the Valley Baptist Church.

Every one was well pleased with the  
entertainment given by Miss Wilson  
and her pupils Tuesday and a neat sum  
was added to the organ fund.

Gordon Berry, of Marietta, is spend-  
ing a few days with Bradie Cole.

M. J. O.

### Wait for Us.

On or about the first of the new year  
we will open out in the new best build-  
ing on Greene street, one of the finest  
stocks of electrical supplies, brackets,  
chandeliers, fancy globes, heaters,  
stoves, bells, burglar alarms, etc., etc.,  
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to a door bell. NONE BUT PRACTICAL  
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### Marriage Licenses.

Levi S. Bell and Emma E. Phillips,  
both of Marietta.

John C. Smith and Katie Buek, both  
of Marietta.

Elias E. Davison, of Muskingum, and  
Mary Muhlbach, of Marietta.

George Kuntz and Amanda E. Tay-  
lor, both of Marietta.

Geo. H. Stansbury, of Athens, and  
Leah L. Cowdery, of Belpre.

Henry Pilcher, of Parkersburg, and  
Rachel Miller, of Belpre.

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finest liver and bowel regulator ever  
made.

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### ODD WEDDINGS.

Franks Who Have Been Joined  
Together in Wedlock.

One Couple Married by Proxy While  
Thousands of Miles Apart—Some  
of the Querer Franks of  
Cupid.

The conventional idea of a wedding  
does not agree with the tastes of some  
people, and occasionally very eccentric  
and sometimes romantic marriage  
ceremonies are solemnized. Men and  
women entirely opposite in disposition  
and character frequently unite in the  
holy bonds of matrimony—sometimes  
much to their mutual regret. This  
peculiar fact, it would seem, also ap-  
plies to oddities of human nature. In  
many of the traveling shows the freaks  
who help to draw money from the pub-  
lic intermarry, and it is not an unusual  
thing to find the fat man wedded to the  
skeleton woman, and the tattooed man  
to the bearded lady.

Mrs. Hannah Battersby, who at one  
time toured the country as a fat woman,  
was married to a Pennsylvania man,  
and it is stated as a curious fact that no  
sooner were they married than she be-  
gan to lose flesh and he to gain it. His  
weight increased so rapidly that he soon  
took to exhibiting himself as a fat man.  
An exception to this rule of contrast,  
however, was Col. Glover, the giant,  
who stood six feet seven inches. He was  
wedded to Martha Peabody, the Ameri-  
can giantess. Several years ago, when  
they appeared in public together, they  
used to receive as much as \$750 a week.

The Italian consular agent at Cin-  
cinnati performed the most peculiar  
marriage ceremony on record. The  
groom was a well-to-do resident of the  
Ohio city and his bride lived in Italy.  
The contracting parties were thousands  
of miles apart when the wedding was  
performed, the marriage being by  
proxy. The consul filled in a blank  
certificate, which he forwarded to au-  
thorities in Italy, who in the presence  
of the parish priest exhibited it before  
the bride, who affixed her signature,  
accepting it as her action. The mar-  
riage was perfectly binding.

A very similar ceremony was per-  
formed some time ago. The affair took  
place by proxy, and Miss Maple was  
married by a clergyman in New York to  
a man who at the time of the marriage  
lay dying in a Texas town. The bride-  
groom was represented in the cere-  
mony by the bride's cousin, who made  
the necessary responses and signatures  
as his proxy. The two lovers had been  
engaged for a long time, and Miss Maple  
wished to hear the name of her be-  
trothed even though she could do so  
only as a widow.

The all-important ring is sometimes  
forgotten, and in more than one case  
the door key of the church has had to do  
duty, but it is not often that portions of  
the marriage service are omitted. In a  
southern town, however, a little while  
ago, after the party had left the church,  
it was discovered that the clergyman  
had forgotten the words, "with this  
ring I thee wed," etc., thus relieving  
the bridegroom of the most serious  
part of his obligations, and the fair  
bride was minus a wedding ring. In-  
stead of sitting down to a breakfast the  
party hurried back to the church and  
were thus practically married twice in  
one day.

Cupid ran amuck some time ago  
among the old folk of a Georgia town.  
An old soldier, 75 years of age, led to the  
altar an aged dame who had seen 72  
summers. There were three brides-  
maids, whose ages respectively were  
60, 68 and 70. They were all spinsters.  
The best man, who was 75, brought  
the combined ages up to 423 years.

An unusual kind of marriage was  
celebrated in New York recently. This  
was between a couple both deaf and  
dumb. They held prayer books while  
a friend pointed out the different  
passages in the service as they were  
spoken by the clergyman, and they  
made the customary responses in the  
deaf and dumb alphabet.

An ingenious couple once conceived  
the idea of being married by phono-  
graph. In the place where the bride-  
groom resided he and the minister went  
over the marriage service, and he recited  
the proper responses into the instru-  
ment. The phonograph was sent to the  
lady, she willingly supplying the re-  
quisite "I will" and "I do" in the pres-  
ence of her pastor, who then pro-  
nounced the pair united in matrimony.  
No explanation is given of how they got  
over the difficulty of the ring.

A well-known anthropologist, in de-  
scribing various marriage customs, re-  
fers to a strange sort of symbolical mar-  
riage which is supposed to have origi-  
nated in India. It is a marriage with  
trees, plants, animals and inanimate  
objects. If anyone proposes to enter  
upon a union which is not in accord-  
ance with traditional ideas, it is be-  
lieved that ill luck which is sure to fol-  
low will be averted by a marriage of  
this kind, the evil consequences being  
borne by the object chosen. In various  
regions a girl must not marry before  
her eldest sister, but the difficulty is  
overcome by the eldest daughter marry-  
ing the branch of a tree. Then the  
wedding of the younger daughter may  
safely be celebrated.—Buffalo Express.

### Only One Sale.

There is a pleasant little story about  
a party of drummers sitting in the  
smoking-room of a sleeper talking  
about trade. One after another had  
told about what sort of trade he'd been  
having, and they'd all been doing well;  
but the last man of all, when it came his  
turn, said he'd made only one sale in  
six weeks. The rest started in to sym-  
pathize with him a little on this, but  
when they came to ask him what busi-  
ness he was in and learned that he trav-  
eled for a bridge-building establish-  
ment, and that his last sale was a steel  
bridge something less than a mile long  
for about \$500,000, they agreed that he  
wasn't doing so poorly after all.

### PUNCH AND JUDY.

The Origin of This Ever Popular Entertain-  
ment.

Generations of children have found  
pleasure in witnessing the antics of  
Punch and Judy, and the mimic the-  
ater in which their adventures are dis-  
played still gives amusement to both  
young and old. The origin of this al-  
ways attractive entertainment is not  
English, as many who have enjoyed it  
may suppose, but according to an old  
book, Punch and Judy are of Italian  
ancestry. In the district of Aeezza,  
near Naples, the people are very much  
addicted to the making of wine from  
grapes; and it is curious that from  
antiquity they have been famous for  
their love of droll wit and comic fun.

Many years ago in the season of the  
vintage, which is a time when every-  
body seems to be full of fun and frolic,  
some comic players came along  
through Aeezza. They began to poke  
fun at the vintagers, and in war of wit  
the players got the worst of it.

Now, there was among the vintagers  
a fellow with an enormous red nose,  
long and crooked like a powder horn;  
and he was the very drollest and wit-  
tiest of the whole company. The play-  
ers were so tickled with his witty say-  
ings, all set off by his odd face and very  
quaver air and manner, that they almost  
went into hysterics with laughter.

After they went away they began to  
think that this droll fellow would be a  
great success to their company; so  
they went back and made offers to him.  
These he accepted; and such was the  
success of his efforts that the company  
acquired great fame and a great deal  
of money. Everybody went to see this  
witty buffoon and all were delighted.

This example led to the establish-  
ment of a droll or buffoon in all com-  
panies of comedians; and he was al-  
ways called after the original one,  
whose name was Puccio d'Aniello. This  
was, in the course of time, softened into  
Polecenello; the French made it Po-  
licenel, and the English Punchinello.  
After a time the English, for the sake  
of brevity, left off the latter part of  
the word, and called it plain Punch.

Now Judy originated, history does  
not record; but it is very easy to sur-  
mise her story. Such a merry fellow as  
Punch had as good a right to a wife as  
anybody, if he could get one. Why not?  
One might think that his best-like nose  
would have stood in his way of finding  
a woman willing to marry him; but his  
wit was an offset to this. Women are  
fond of wit, and Punch would have  
played his part all if he could not have  
made it cover his nose.

Now that we have supposed Punch to  
have had a wife, and also supposed her  
name to have been Judy, what was  
more natural than for this amiable  
couple, now and then, to have a bit of a  
breeze? They lived a wandering life,  
and, like other people in their station,  
took a little liquor to raise their spir-  
its. After the effect was over, feeling a  
little peevish, they fell to calling each  
other names, and hard blows followed.  
So this is their whole history.—Detroit  
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deceased.  
Dated this 25th day of December, A. D. 1896.  
JOHN BAKER, JR.  
Dec. 25, 1896.

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